

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 4 and 6 are pending.

By this amendment:

Claims 1-3, 5, and 7 have been cancelled.

Claims 4 and 6 have each been amended into independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1.

Background

1. The case was filed on August 7, 1997.
2. On August 10, 2001 Examiner finally rejected Claims 1-7.
3. Applicant filed a notice of appeal on October 10, 2001 followed by an appeal brief on December 10, 2001.
4. The Board of Appeals and Interferences mailed their decision on January 23, 2003, whereby the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, and 7 was affirmed and the rejection of claims 4 and 6 was REVERSED.
5. Examiner issued a Notice of Abandonment dated July 14, 2003.
6. Applicant filed a petition to withdraw abandonment on August 26, 2003.
7. Examiner telephoned Applicant's agent on June 16, 2004, notifying Applicant that the petition to withdraw abandonment was granted and that Applicant has one month to amend claims 4 and 6 into independent form.

Conclusion


(1) Applicant respectfully requests written verification that the aforementioned petition to withdraw abandonment was indeed granted for entry into the record.

(2) Applicant respectfully submits that by this amendment the application is now in condition for allowance. Early allowance of claims 4 and 6, as amended, is solicited.

No Fee is required for this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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